

*sub B2*  
*A*  
*sub Bx*  
*Ay*

3. (Amended) A process for canceling a uniquely numbered ticket having a control number and an area with thermally reactive coating material disposed thereon, the process comprising the steps of:

inserting the lottery ticket into a lottery terminal having means for receiving the lottery ticket therein;

activating the thermally reactive coating material of the lottery ticket for permanently marking the lottery ticket;

following the activating step, imaging the lottery ticket for detecting the activated thermally reactive coating material and for reading the control number of the lottery ticket; and

recording the control number.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

*sub Bx*  
*Ay*

5. (Amended) A process for canceling a uniquely numbered ticket having a control number and an area with chemically reactive coating material disposed thereon, the process comprising the steps of:

inserting the lottery ticket into a lottery terminal having means for receiving the lottery ticket therein;

activating the chemically reactive coating material of the lottery ticket for permanently marking the lottery ticket;

following the activating step, imaging the lottery ticket for detecting the activated chemically reactive coating material and for reading the control number of the lottery ticket; and

recording the control number.

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and, further, requests reconsideration of the subject application based on